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John Parsons



Margaret Parsons Fisher



Nola Arnold Ivy



Henry Myracle



George Partin



Harry Burke

“Missed it by that much.”

George Washington Partin, (David Taylor) explains to John Parsons (Shane Bridges) the importance of not letting your wife tell you where to put a post office during a skit on Saturday during the Parsons Cemetery Tour. The performance by The Rivertime Players helped bring to life the history of the founding of Parsons and the characters involved.

John Parsons settled here in the 1840s from North

Carolina. In 1865, he sold 661 acres of land to Henry Myracle of which a portion would later become a town named after the Parsons family.

Henry Myracle, farmer, landowner and a member of Bear Creek Baptist Church who made available 140 and one-third acres to the railroad for the purpose of starting a town.

Nola Arnold Ivy was born January 25, 1891. She was the first baby girl born in

Parsons Flat, the little village which preceded modern-day Parsons. Her parents were Will and Tennie Partin Arnold.

Margaret Parsons Fisher was the daughter of John Parsons. She died in 1858 and her grave was presumably moved to the Parsons Cemetery in the 1930, but no one seems to know for sure. Some say, her tomb rock has been used as a doorstep somewhere in the town.

George Partin built a two-story brick structure fronting on the railroad and named it the Tulane Hotel. The two-story brick structure was completed in 1896.

Harry Burke was born in Virginia in 1857 and came to Tennessee in the 1880s as an assistant to the chief engineer in the building of the Perryville Branch of the Tennessee Midland Railway.



Bringing history to life

Rivertime Players present
Parsons Cemetery Tour

The Parsons Cemetery Tour was presented Saturday by The Rivertime Players and the Parsons and Greater Area Historical Museum. Members of the cast performed as some of the founding fathers of Parsons while explaining the role each had in establishing the town in a very entertaining, yet informative way. Cast members from left, David Taylor, as George Partin; Hannah Mills as Nola Arnold Ivy; Mark Tubbs as Henry Myracle; Clayton Quinn as Harry Burke; Shane Bridges as John Parsons; Shane's daughter Posey as “Cada” Fisher, daughter of Margaret Parsons Fisher; and Jenni Turner as Margaret Parsons Fisher.